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SUBJ: BOTSWANA TO REGISTER ANGOLAN REFUGEES AS CITIZENS

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1. GOB HAS ANNOUNCED THAT REGISTRATION OF ANGOLAN REFUGEES RESIDING IN NORTHWEST BOTSWANA AS BOTSWANA CITIZENS WILL BEGIN 11 JULY. GOB ESTIMATES THAT 3,700 TO 4,000 ANGOLANS WHO FLED TO BOTSWANA IN 1968-69 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CITIZENSHIP. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE ANGOLANS HAVE BEEN RESETTLED AT ETSHA, A 100 SQUARE MILE SITE ON WESTERN EDGE OF OKAVANGO DELTA SOME 75 MILES SOUTH OF SHAKAWE.

2. UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE AND UNDP REPRESENTATIVE ACCOMPANIED BY GOB CITIZENSHIP OFFICER VISITED ETSHA JUNE 24-25 TO EXPLAIN THE NON-COMPULSORY REGISTRATION. GOB CITIZENSHIP OFFICER TOLD ANGOLANS OF POLITICAL SITUATION IN PORTUGAL BUT THEIR RESPONSE WAS REGARDLESS OF POSSIBLE ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE, REFUGEES HAD ESTABLISHED THEMSELVES IN BOTSWANA AND HAVE NO INTENTION OF

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GOING BACK. UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE THANKED GOB FOR ITS WILLINGNESS

ACCEPT THE ANGOLANS AS CITIZENS.

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